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HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS AGAINST TURKEY

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REF: (A) STRASBOURG 203; (B) ANKARA 6819

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM STRASBOURG BEING REPEATED
FOR YOUR ACTION:
QUOTE:

SUMMARY: IN THEIR PROJECTED SEPT 20-21 CONSIDERATION OF

TURKISH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CYPRUS, COUNCIL OF EUROPE PERMREPS ARE PRESENTLY INCLINED TOWARDS NOTING HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT, CRITICIZING TURKS FOR NOT COOPERATING WITH INVESTIGATIONS, BUT STOPPING WELL SHORT OF FINDING TURKS GUILTY. END SUMMARY.

1. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IS MAKING A SERIOUS EFFORT TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE DILEMMA POSED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ECHR) REPORT FINDING TURKEY GUILTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CYPRUS, 1974-76. THE EC-NINE AND MOST OF THE REST APPEAR HEADING TOWARDS FINALLY TAKING ACTION IN THE FORM OF TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT, CRITICIZING TURKEY FOR NOT COOPERATING WITH ECHR INVESTIGATION, BUT STOPPING WELL SHORT OF FINDING TURKS GUILTY. SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD ACCOMPLISH WHAT THE GREAT MAJORITY WANTS: PROTECT THE COUNCIL'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPUTATION BUT AT THE SAME TIME MEET A POLITICAL NEED TO GO EASY ON THE TURKS. THE UK PERMREP TOLD ME THE EVENING OF SEPT 14 HE WAS QUITE

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 4 LINE 2 LAST WORD)

OPTIMISTIC A FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO THE GREAT MAJORITY
WILL BE FOUND. EARLIER THIS WEEK THE EC-NINE HAD ASKED
FOR AND GOTTEN A DELAY IN COUNCIL CONSIDERATION UNTIL
SEPT 20-21, A MOVE CYPRUS ALSO SUPPORTED.
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2. IN LINE WITH THE PERCEIVED POLITICAL NATURE OF ANY
COUNCIL ACTION, SOME PERMREPS EARLIER TOLD ME THEY
WERE EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF REFERRING REPORT BACK
TO THE ECHR, REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION IN THE LIGHT
OF THAT PART OF THE TURKISH REBUTTAL WHICH ADDRESSES
SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS CHARGES. THIS OPTION
HAS FADED, SINCE BOTH CYPRUS AND TURKEY OPPOSED IT,
ECHR STAFFERS BEGAN TO BRISTLE, AND MORE THOUGHT WAS
GIVEN TO THE DANGER OF SULLYING THE COUNCIL'S HUMAN
RIGHTS RECORD. ANOTHER FORM OF DELAY BROACHED WOULD
BE SIMPLY TO POSTPONE ACTION, ALTHOUGH GENERAL PERMREP
SENTIMENT FAVORS GETTING THE AGONY OVER WITH THIS
MONTH.

3. NOT EVEN THE SCANDINAVIANS, WHO ARE THE MOST WARY
OF SULLYING THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, SEEM WILLING TO
TEST WHAT IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED HERE AS THE TURKISH
BLUFF OF "THE EMPTY CHAIR." IN THIS CONNECTION I
HAVE HEARD REPORTS THE TURKS ARE CANVASSING SUPPORT
FOR AN AS YET UNNAMED TURK TO SUCCEED COUNCIL DEPUTY
SECRETARY GENERAL SFORZA, WHOSE ILLNESS WILL PREVENT
HIS SEEKING REAPPOINTMENT.

4. NEW ELEMENT IS, OF COURSE, THE BRAND NEW CYPRIOT
COMPLAINT AGAINST THE TURKS, COVERING PERIOD SINCE
MAY 1976. CYPRIOT PERMREP TOLD ME THIS IS DESIGNED
TO KEEP UP HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE FOR MORAL REDRESS
AND HOPE TO ACHIEVE THE RETURN OF SOME REFUGEES,
PARTICULARLY TO FAMAGUSTA. FOR THE TIME BEING, MOST
PERMREPS ARE INCLINED TO KEEP THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT
SEPARATE FROM THE BUSINESS AT HAND.

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